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# BLOWN UP BY FLOATING MINE

An Enemy Destroyed the Maine, According to the Court's Report.

# A DAY OF ANXIETY AND WARLIKE ACTIVITY

Administration and All Public Men In Washington Share In the Tension Wrought By the Situation.

Minister Woodford Has Been Cabled to Notify the Spanish Government of the Maine Court's Findings-Madrid Cabinet Cables That Their Court Finds the Explosion to Be of Internal Origin-Spain Not Disposed to Turn Back the Torpedo Fleet-Testimony Before the Court of Inquiry Points to a Submarine Mine as Cause of Explosion-War Preparations On an Unprecedented Scale-Country Now Practically on a War

Washington, Moreh 25.—The court of anguiry appointed to investigate the cause of the Maine diseaser has repetited that the loss of the battleship was due to an outside explosion.

The state department, by direction of the president, has cabled United States Minister Woodford at Madrid to notify the Spanisk government of this conciliation. The president and his cabinet advices held two extended sessions to code, one at 10:30 a. m. and another at 2:30 p. m., at which the report was considered in detail. Members of the chinet stated after the meetings that the best and that never since the wrecking of the Maine state of the Maine, the spanish covernment has cabled officially to Washington that the Spanish covernment has cabled officially to Washington that the Spanish covernment has cabled officially to Washington that the Spanish covernment has cabled officially to Washington that the Spanish covernment has cabled officially to Washington that the Spanish covernment has cabled officially to Washington that the Spanish covernment has cabled officially to Propose the Washington that the Spanish covernment has cabled officially to Propose the Washington that the Spanish covernment has cabled officially to Propose the Washington that the Spanish covernment has cabled officially to Propose the Washington to the Washington to a Washington to may proceed the washington to EVENTFUL DAY.

The foregoing gives the record of one of the most eventful days the national capital has seen since the close of the civil war. It was a day of profoundly important action, and of the deepest antiety, coupled with naval and military activity, one step following another in rapid succession. Representative men of the administration, public men in all branches of official and congressional life, no less than the public in general, shared in the tension to which the situation has been wrought. There was no effort among the highest officials, mor indeed was it possible from what was clearly apparent in the developments of the day, to minimize the situation.

COURT'S FINDINGS.

Wiewed in detail, the finding of the court of inquiry was the most vital factor. Commander Marix, judge advocate of the court of inquiry, delivered the roport to Secretary Long early this morning, and shortly afterwards it was carried to the White House and placed in the hands of the president, At 10:30 the cabinet assembled, half an hour carlier than usual, and began the consideration of the momentous document. Even the rigid rules of secretary from the consideration at cabinet meetings were which prevail at cabinet meetings were sent to the large cities of the United States of the Parket San to the pior who frequent the soup which prevail at cabinet meetings were ment. Even the rigid rules of secrecy which prevail at cabinet meetings were made doubly strict in this case, and no intimation of the results reached by the court were known until 2 o'clock, when an Associated Press bulletin gave the infermation to the country, as well as to the eagorly waiting officials throughout Washington. These results, briefly stated, are that the loss of the Maine was due to an explosion from the outside, the court being unable to fix the responsibility for the explosion.

The court does not express an epinion as to the character of the explosion, but the testimony goes to show that it was a powerful submarine mine, the exact character of which was not determined, though the belief was expressed that it was a floating submarine of the property of the court of repaired that it was a floating submarine mine. There were two explosions, the court finds; the first was from the outgide, and tint set off one of the smaller magazines. It was this result, expressed in detail, and with the precision of a court deeply concerned of its responsibility, together with the evidence upon which it was based, that occupied the attention of the cabinet throughout its extended sessions of the morning and afternoon. All other subjects gave way to this foremost question. There was no change in the plan of making the report public and transmitting it to conscress early next week arcompanied by a brief message from the president.

While interest was thus centered at the While House, the navy and war departments were hurrying forward their work of preparations.

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Report That Mangrove Will Take All
Americans From Havana.

Key West, Fla., March 5.—The Associated Pross bulletin, that the court of incoming the found it is many the preside can cannot be a second to the Presside can claim the honor of having in working order the first discovery hard found the Maine was blown appearing 12-inch gun in the United States.

New York, March 28.—Company E, Third regiment of the National Goard of New

obtain in all about 46 rapid fire guns from abroad for the seacoast fortifications. Twenty of these were obtained inrough the Hotchkiss popple. The office of the Hotchkiss popple. The obtained in continuous of the Hotchkiss popple. The obtained are of 45 calibre and the officials say the contract providing for their purchase includes between two and three hundred rounds of amminition, a very desirable thing at the present time.

## MARINE RISKS DOUBLED.

Rates In New York and at Lloyd's,

London. London.

New York, March S-Marine under-writers reported today that there was a hardening of rates consquent on the developments in the Spanish-American situation. The rates, which had ranged from one-eighth of one per cent to one-fourth on steamships, and from three-fourths of one per cent to one fourth on salling vestels, doubled yesterday and a further rise is looked for. Even at the rates quoted, some risks are returned, principally those for a longer time than two weeks.

Weeks.

It was also reported by the companies that the inquiries about war risks were greatly in exces of vessels offered.

Traders and merchants manifest anxiety to find out in this way how the situation is regarded in commercial circles generally.

# MORE REPUBLICAN BOODLERS

For Their Conviction.

Ecise, Ida., March 25.—Governor teunenberg today issued a proclama-Stemenberg today issued a proclamation offered a reward of \$1,000 each for the arrest and conviction of each of the members of the mob that mundered Frederick D. Whitney at Cem, Ida, on Dec. 23. There are supposed to be about 20 men implicated. Whitney was mundered by the Mollie Maguires, who have terrorized that section of the Couer d'Alenes for years.

Arrested For Contempt of Law. San Francisco, March 25 - All the offiers of the Klamath River Lumber

SCHLEY IS IN COMMAND FINE RECORD IN THE NAVY OF

UNCLE SAM. Commodere Schley Was In Command

of the Baltimore During the Chilean Trouble-List of Vessels In the North Atlantic and Flying Squadron-Naval Movements.

Washington, March 25.-The instructions issued by the navy department during the day covered every branch of naval armament. The "flying squadron," was definitely established with Commodore Schley in command. He will hoist his commodore a flag on the flagship Brooklyn next Monday. The squadron is to consist of exactly WHOLESALE ARRESTS OF SOUND possible ships that might be added. Those of the squadron will be the crack armored cruiser Brooklyn, the battle-MONEY REFORMERS.

Those of the squadron will be the crack armored cruiser Brooklyn, the battle-ships Massachusetts and Texas and the croisers Columbia and Minneapolis. Other ships which are now, or here-after at Hampton Roads, will not be of the flying squadron, but will belong to the North Atlantic station under Captain Sampson. The flying squadron reads will be a route to the rendezous at Hampton roads.

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Commodore Schley has a fine record of discretion, good judgment and fighting qualities. He was in command of the Baltimore during the Chilean trouble, which threatened to end in war, and the peaceful termination of which, it is believed, was due largely to his taot and discretion. The three versels at present under his command are all swift cruisers, and among the others which probably will be added are the St. Paul and the St. Louis of the American line, which were built so that states all ne, which were built so that they could be turned into efficient fighting machines at a few days notice. These vessels have not been impressed as yet, but arrangements have been perfected between the government and President Griscoll so that no delay will result when the decision is reached that the outlook justifies the large expenditure of money necessary for their transfer to the navy department.

Commander Williard H. Brownson, at present in Europe on a special mission for the government, it is expected, will be assigned to command of the St. Paul and the St. Louis.

THE ALBANY.

for sea within three months, and per-haps in a little less time. BOUGHT IN GERMANY.

Torpedo Boat Schischad, a Valuable Naval Addition.

Washington, March E.—The navy de-urriment was informed by cablegram from Lieutemant Coheel, navail attache to he United States embassy at London, hat agents of this government had pur-hansed a "Schischad" torpede beat that had been constructed for the German overnment. The new acquisition is of he general type of German torpede boats and is regarded as a valuable addition to our navy. One feature regarding her that flords special gratification to the officials

and is regarded as a valuable addition to our many. One feature regarding her that affords special gratification to the officials of the navy department is that she is now ready for sea. It is expected that in a few days she will leave for the United States. She will be able to make the fourney across the Arlantic without difficulty as she is a good sea-going vessel, and her coal capacity is ample for the trip to this country.

She is a 22-knot vessel and about 155 feet long. While of the same general type as the Rogers and Foots, of the United States may, she is a trifle larger. At the navy department the precise dimensions of the new boat could not be given. The price paid for her, the navyd officials the edited at this time to state, but it was said to be very reasonable.

Work on the vessel has just been completed. She never has been in service. She is supposed to carry three torpedo tubes and two small calibre, rapid fire regions. Nint to 12 men will be needed to man her.

REVENUE CULTURE SERVICE.

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Every Vessel Available Will Be As-

signed to Immediate Duty. Washington, March E.—Captain maker, chief of the revenue cutte vice, was busily engaged today in r

# THE HERALD BULLETIN.

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# In Railway Circles.

wash. March 25.—Miss

Amelia Oison, a domestic aged 25, was
struck by a trolley car at Second and
Lincoln streets this evening. thrown beneath the trucks, dragged 59 feet and killed. It was necessary to lift the car to remove her mangied remains. She was partly deaf and falled to hear the motorman's warning.

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# SPAIN'S FLOTILLA ADVANCING

They May Reach Western Waters In Ten Days, If Rough Weather Is Not Encountered.

# SPAIN STRENGTHENS FORTS AT PORTO RICO

This Fact Also Gives Rise to Apprehension--- Spain's Only Possession In the West Beside Cuba.

Million Dollars Was Spent Thursday In the Purchase of Yachts and Tugs to Be Transformed Into Torpedo Boats For the Purposa of Offsetting the Spanish Movement-An Officer Is Quoted as Declaring That the Spanish Torpedo Boats Are a Greater Menace to the Fieet at Key West Than If All the Rest of the Spanish Navy Was Brought to These Waters-Events Transpiring In Spain.

Washington, March 25.—The advance of the Spanish torpedo fiotilia continued to receive the closest attention of naval officials, and while, so far as could be ascertained, no definite line of action was determined upon, the need of intercepting this fleet was urged by the highest naval authorities.

From the standpoint of the Spanish government, this movement was not a

government, this movement was not a menace, having been decided upon many weeks ago. On the centrary, the

menace, having been decided upon many weeks ago. On the contrary, the Spanish government holds that the extensive armament of the Dry Tortugas is a more direct hossille act arabust Spain than any movement of the for the spanish torpedo fotlilla the present attitude of Spain tends toward reinforcing with other Spanish war vessels, not as a menace, but from what the Spanish government feels is a requirement called for by the existing condition of affairs.

The flotilla is one of the most formidable of its kind affoat and the sending of it to the West Indies at this time is resarded as an indication of Spain's endeavor to be prepared for any emergency that may arise in one or dimary circumstances it will take the flotilla about ten days to make the journey, but it is exceedingly likely that it will actually require several devisions, the flotilla about ten days to make the output of the spanish condition of the speed of the flotil to accident is great, particularly if they should encounter rough weather. Then too, if they should be accompanied to accident is great, particularly if they should encounter rough weather. Then too, if they should be accompanied to accident is great, particularly if they should encounter rough weather. Then too, if they should be accompanied to accident is great, particularly if they should encounter rough weather. Then too, if they should be accompanied to that of the coal boat.

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It is understood today that some correspondence with Spain through Minister Polo concerning the movements of the torpedo flotilla is not unlikely of war, but, at the same time, while the statements made yesterday to the effect that this government might regard the sending of the dottlin to West Indian waters as an unfriendly act, insamuch as it was evident that the boats were not intended for use against the Cubans, and as a matter of fact, could be employed only against a hostile flect of warships, were accentuated today, but what representations, if any, will be made to Spain, "annot be ascertained, reserve being maintained.

MILLION DOLLARS SPENT.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE.

"It is all very well to take of peace and to say that the size is no probability of war, but, at the same time, while international reinflons are strained, discharged force should be met with alactic, and as a bripedo expert I must say that if every ship in the United States many was brought into these waters, it would be none too formidable adjudy when the strength of the Spainish Bottlin is considered."

LAST MAINE INCIDENT.

Much Ado Is Made of It By Sagasta and Madrid Press.

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Kinley, Secretary Long spent some thing more than a million dollars thing more than a million dollars. Thursday in the purchase of 12 speedy yachts and magagins tugs, which will be at once converted into torpedo bout destroyers and picket boats. In directing the purchase of yachts and 10 tugs, President McKinley was guided by the information showing that the Spanish torpedo boat dollars has sailed from the Canary Islands for Porto Rico.

Before this information came to hand, the authorities were not willing to pay the high prices asked by the owners of yachts and tugs which had been inspected and recommended for purchase by the auxiliary cruiser board, but the necessity of improvising a forpedo feet to off-set that which Spain is sending to Porto Rico was so apparent that the president authorized the susting of the North American committee on the purchase by the further delay.

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Secretary Long at once telegraphed Captain Rodgers, president of the board, and received a telegram announcing that the bargains had been closed and that the vessels would at once be turned over to the government at the Brooklyn navy yard.

Considerable secrecy is maintained by the officials as to the names of the vessels purchased and the price paid for each. It is proposed that the vessels be purchased and the price paid for each. It is proposed that the vessels be purchased and their hulls and decks strongthened and their armament placed aboard. When completed they will be sent immediately to Key West, where they will be sent immediately to Key West, where they will be placed under command of Captain Sampson.

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NOT VIEWED FAVORABLY. The purchase of several fast yachts which it is proposed to transform into the torpedo boats is not viewed with entire favor by naval men. The vessels the department has in view have a speed rate ranging from 16 to 20 knots, while especially designed torpedo boats have a speed of from 34 to 30 knots. As against regular torpedo boats, the fleet of 'makeshifts,' as the proposed purchases of the government were termed by a naval official, would cut a com-

Submarine Boat Holland.

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A GREAT MENACE.

Key West, Fla., March 25.—It was not until today that the news of the de-parture of the Spanish torpedo flottilla from the Canary Islands became known.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE.

Madrid, March S.-Premier Sagasta and Coloniel Minister Moret went to the